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## Minister Attends UN Conference on Women

OTTAWA, July 11, 1980 -- The Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, left Ottawa today to attend the United Nations Decade for Women Conference in Copenhagen.

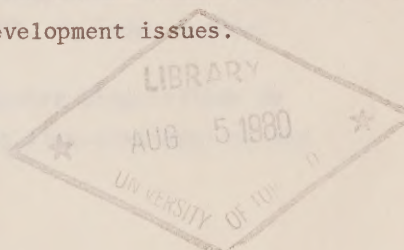
During the conference, which marks the mid-point in the Decade for Women, Mr. Axworthy will table the National Plan of Action on the status of women, entitled "Towards Equality for Women," and developed by the federal government. The Minister will also table the plans of action of five of the provincial governments.

The conference's themes of Equality, Development, and Peace were echoed in the remarks of the Minister as he pledged that in spite of times of economic restraint, the government would strive to alleviate the unfair economic and social burdens that women have borne for so long. "Having given recognition to the situation, we are now going to remedy it," Mr. Axworthy said.

Canada's participation at the conference is in accordance with the government's commitment to the World Plan of Action. Canada has contributed \$58,000 to the N.G.O. Forum in Copenhagen to assist third world women to attend the conference. It underlines Canada's concern for the involvement of third world women in development issues.

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Lloyd Axworthy, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, is pleased to announce the appointment of an interim President and six members to the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

The interim president is Ms. Lucie Pépin, Montreal.

The six new members are:

- Lucienne Aubert of Montreal, Quebec
- Colette Biche of Montreal, Quebec
- Beatrice Watts of Northwest River, Labrador
- Anne Marie Perry of Tignish, P.E.I.
- Dianne Harkin of Winchester, Ontario
- Shirley Alcoe of Fredericton, New Brunswick

Lucienne Aubert is a specialist in demographics. She has been responsible for the equal opportunity programme since 1976, and the status of women committee since 1975, at Hydro-Québec.

Colette Biche presently works at the Centre Linguistique de l'Entreprise. She was twice elected as vice-president of the Montreal Catholic School Board.

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March 1, 1981



First Assembly, Minister responsible for the State of Women,  
is pleased to announce the appointment of an interim President  
and six members to the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status  
of Women.

The interim president is Ms. Lucie Bégin, Montreal.

The six new members are:

Lucienne Aubert of Montreal, Quebec  
Catherine Bouché of Montreal, Quebec  
Gustave Lévesque of Montreal, Quebec  
Anne Marie Perry of Toronto, Ontario  
Diane Fortin of Montreal, Quebec  
Dorothy Wilson of Fredericton, New Brunswick

Interim members to a specialized in demography. She has been  
responsible for the special demography program since 1975, and  
the status of women committee since 1975, at Hydro-Québec.

Lucienne Bégin presently works at the Centre linguistique de  
l'éducation. She was twice elected as vice-president of the  
National Council of Women.

Beatrice Watts, an Inuit teacher, is the program co-ordinator for Native Education Teacher Programs at the Labrador East Integrated School Board. She has been involved with Native and multicultural groups.

Anne Marie Perry, a teacher, has also been a partner in a family business as well as corporate manager of a store serving an area of high unemployment. This involved training and assisting an all-female staff, mostly single parents. In 1979, Mrs. Perry was admitted to l'Ordre du Mérite Acadien de l'Ile-du-Prince-Edouard, in recognition of her work for the survival of Acadians.

Dianne Harkin is a farm partner, managing and operating a family farm in Ontario. She is the founder and chairperson of Women for the Survival of Agriculture. Mrs. Harkin was the co-ordinator and chairperson of the First National Farm Women's Conference, which took place last year.

Shirley Alcoe has a doctorate of nursing education. She is presently teaching at the Faculty of Nursing, University of New Brunswick. Her specialty is community health.

The members will serve a three year term. There remains one vacancy in Ontario.

Ms. Pépin, a registered nurse by profession has been National Co-ordinator of the Canadian Committee for Fertility Research.

"I am concerned about the continuity of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women," said Mr. Axworthy. "The Council has an ambitious programme planned for the next year and it needs authority and leadership." Ms. Pépin was appointed vice-president in 1979, and will finish the term of office of the President, vacated by the resignation of Doris Anderson in January.

The Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women will be holding a full meeting March 9-10-11, in Ottawa. Mr. Axworthy will be meeting with the Council on Monday afternoon.

For more information, please contact Nancy Connolly (819) 994-2482.





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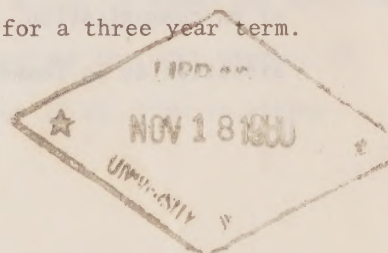
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November 5, 1980  
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The Minister responsible for the Status of Women, the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, is pleased to announce the appointment of Francine Boivin, of Quebec City, to the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Francine Boivin, a specialist in administration and communications, will serve as a member of the Advisory Council for a three year term.

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le 5 novembre 1980  
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Le Ministre responsable de la Condition féminine,  
M. Lloyd Axworthy, est heureux d'annoncer la nomination de madame  
Francine Boivin, de Québec, comme membre du Conseil consultatif  
de la situation de la femme.

Le mandat de Madame Boivin, conseillère en administration  
et en communication, comme membre du Conseil consultatif de la  
situation de la femme est de trois ans.

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September 11, 1980  
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Lloyd Axworthy, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, is pleased to announce the appointment of nine new members to the Advisory Council on the Status of Women. They are: Reva Karstadt of Willowdale, Berenice Sisler of Winnipeg, Joan Fraser of Halifax, Béatrice Michaud of Campbellton, Elizabeth Batstone of Grand Falls, Newfoundland, Jacqueline Demers of St-Félicien, Québec, Huguette Plamondon of Montreal, Florence Ievers of Quebec City and Edith Linda Nee of Vancouver.

Members of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women are appointed for terms of three years. The new members will attend the next meeting of the Advisory Council, which is scheduled September 22-24, 1980 in Ottawa.

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## Canada Tables Plan of Action at U.N. Conference on Women

COPENHAGEN, July 15, 1980 -- The Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, who leads the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Decade for Women Conference here, described the national plan of action as the federal government's commitment for change.

Mr. Axworthy stressed that he supports the World Draft Program of Action, and he urged that national mechanisms be set up to implement these plans. "Given the federal structure of our country, all three levels of government must be committed to policies that will enhance the status of women," he said. "One of my priorities is to discuss with my provincial colleagues the steps that have been taken to ensure that women's rights are respected in all provincial policies."

Mr. Axworthy said that inequalities still exist between women and men and these are directly related to the differences in their economic situations. Occupational segregation of women and men adds to the problems faced by women. ["It is the federal government's conviction that these inequalities can be diminished by ensuring equal pay for work of equal value, affirmative action, and training programs for women."]

In advising the conference that Canada would be signing the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women, Mr. Axworthy paid tribute to the many Canadian representatives who played a significant part in drafting the Convention. He also spoke of Canada's efforts internationally through the Canadian International Development Agency to assist women in developing countries.









